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Subject: Updates to the Prescription Drug Program

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) has made the following updates to the Prescription Drug Program:

- **Retroactive to dates of service on and after October 1, 2000**, MAA added state-unique code 4804A (reusable compliance device or container, extra large capacity) to the compliance packaging list; and
- **On or about March 1, 2001**, MAA will implement metric decimal billing capability in the Point of Sale (POS) system.

Addition to Compliance Packaging List

Replacement page D.1/D.2 is attached for MAA's Prescription Drug Program Billing Instruction. This page will replace the last update sent under Numbered Memorandum 99-52 MAA in September 1999.

Decimal Point Billing

This change will:

- Eliminate the current method of rounding unit quantities for fractional package sizes; and
- Allow accurate reimbursement of drug quantities.

Pharmacies must make any necessary changes to their computer systems prior to implementation. Please contact your software vendor regarding system changes or questions.

MAA will send providers another numbered memorandum regarding decimal point billing prior to implementation.